



# The Curse of the Bouncy Ball



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## Chapter 1 by Grey Croake

Whilst investigating the death of a local Engineer, a Handsome Computer engineer called Gus Wilson uncovers a legend about a supernaturally-cursed, bouncy Ball circulating throughout The Grey Place. As soon as anyone uses the Ball, he or she has exactly 24 days left to live.

The doomed few appear to be ordinary people during day to day life, but when photographed, they look upside-down. A marked person feels like a Running Tardigrate to touch.

Gus gets hold of the Ball, refusing to believe the superstition. A collage of images flash into his mind: a Jumping Goat balancing on a Jogging Engineer, an old newspaper headline about a hit and run accident, a hooded Falcon ranting about nose and a drinking well located in a dark place.

When Gus notices his belly have Tardigrate-like properties, he realizes that the curse of the bouncy Ball is true and calls in his very close friend, a Scientist called Rose Cane, to help.

Rose examines the Ball and willingly submits herself to the curse. She finds that the same visions flash before his eyes. She finds the Jumping Goat balancing on a Jogging Engineer particularly chilling. She joins the queue for a supernatural death.

Gus and Rose pursue a quest to uncover the meaning of the visions, starting with a search for the hooded Falcon. Will they be able to stop the curse before their time is up?

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